

Mobile Data Meeting
Gallatin County Detention, Bozeman, MT
February 16, 2012

Attendance:

Leo Dutton, Lewis and Clark County SO
Steve Adsem, Lewis and Clark County SO
Brian Ferring, PCS Mobile
Bill Coberly, Yellowstone County, IT
Bill Michaelis, Yellowstone County Sheriff
Jason "J.J." Jarrett, Gallatin County SO

Mark Lachapelle, MSU Police Department
Jeff Wozniak, Roosevelt County SO
Travis Munter, Bozeman Police Department
EJ Clark, Belgrade PD
Bruce Cunningham, Gallatin County 911
Curt Stinson, Helena PD, Lewis and Clark 911

Chairman Leo Dutton called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Old Business:

Steve Adsem: The installation reimbursements for the Tough Books were somehow missed, but they are being taken care of now and should arrive shortly. Steve went over all of the receipts to ensure only installation costs were submitted.

Brian Ferring: Brian has been talking with Steve about other grant opportunities. In the past much of the money was federal, which is drying up, though there may be monies available for hiring. We need to look outside the normal avenues for funding, such as corporate and private institutions. These grants tend to be local/regional, so look for the large companies in your area. Some suggestions are the NRA, or Agile Mesh. Panasonic and Gamber-Johnson both have resources to assist you in writing grants- one such resource is policegrantshelp.com.

Leo Dutton: There is a new State Interoperability Mobility Board that was formed when IM went away. The first order of business was to secure grants that were left when IM dissolved. That 10 million was taken on by regional entities with the understanding that there would be free assistance from Governor's Office.

Technical Report: Curt Stinson is standing in for Scott. Scott taught a workshop session in Helena in December. Leo mentioned that the state board also has a technical committee that Scott would benefit from attending.

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Financial Committee Report:

Scott Bradford via e-mail to Steve Adsem:

1. The invoices I received from you are in the queue to be processed. We have had some delays but I expect them to be processed soon. The 75% COPS and ½ match would be reimbursed to the Counties. I will distribute details when I can.
2. Additional funding: There may be some bits and pieces of COPS money left, but there are a number of priorities and nothing will be done until after an internal program review is conducted. Any final modifications will likely involve coordination with the SWIC.
3. We are ready to ID additional funding sources as they come around. There may be some limited DHS money available later this year, but competition will be significant given all the priorities and needs.

New Business:

Leo Dutton: There is some money available to the state committee. This group is a great way to apply for new grants, it is diverse. Some of the things it is focused on are the new SIGB legislations. The group has created a legislative advisory group consisting of all major associations to plan for the upcoming session.

The group also agrees that there needs to be some way to sustain what has been built up, and that will need to be addressed with a tax. They are hoping it will work in a way similar to the 911 monies. They are also looking at the D block legislation; however, many of the wireless companies are worried about that.

EJ Clark: The oil companies are really picking up in the eastern half of the state, maybe we should look to them for some monies to do this. There is a sheriff's meeting coming up with all of the companies, Leo would like to look into working with them. He will work with Jeff to get that set up.

Curt Stinson: If we were to have an open checkbook what would we want to have set up? Do we agree on equipment etc? It seems like most of us are struggling more with maintenance.

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Brian Ferring: All of the old equipment will still work with the upgrades, it is all backwards compatible. We are now in the CF31 Mark 2, which now has 4G and I5 processors. 4G LTE is now available, and Verizon claims that 96% of the country will have 4G by the end of 2013. The new CF31 pricing is at or below where the others were because Panasonic is being very aggressive with their pricing right now. We are also working with recyclers to see what to do about old equipment.

Leo Dutton: The next meeting will be on March 15, 2012 in Gallatin County.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Chairman Leo Dutton

Date

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